

# Teachers' Retirement Board



## *At a Glance*

**DARLENE PEREZ, Administrator**

***Established - 1917***

***Statutory authority – CGS Chapter 167a***

***Central office – 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105***

***Number of employees – 26***

***Organizational structure - Administrative Division, Benefits Division, Fiscal Division, Information Systems Division***

## **Administration – Personnel**

Management of the Teachers' Retirement system is vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board. The following persons were members of the Teachers' Retirement Board as of June 30, 2016:

Honorable Dianna R. Wentzell,  
Commissioner of Education

Designee: Kathy Demsey  
Chief Financial Officer

Honorable Denise L. Nappier, Treasurer  
Office of State Treasurer

Designee: Deborah Spalding  
Chief Investment Officer

Honorable Benjamin Barnes, Secretary  
Office of Policy and Management

Designee: Gregory Messner  
Assistant Executive Budget Officer

Clare H. Barnett, Chairperson  
Retired Teacher

Rosalyn B. Schoonmaker  
Retired Teacher

William Myers  
Active Teacher

Jonathan Johnson  
Public Member

Lisa Mosey  
Active Teacher

Charles Higgins  
Public Member

Maureen Honan  
Active Teacher

Elaine T. Lowengard  
Public Member

Al Bredehorst  
Active Teacher

Clifford Silvers  
Public Member

## **Mission**

*The mission of the Teachers' Retirement Board is to administer the State Teachers' Retirement System.*

## **Statutory Responsibility**

The provisions of the Teachers' Retirement System are contained in Chapter 167a of the Connecticut General Statutes to provide retirement, disability, survivorship and health insurance benefits for Connecticut public school teachers and their beneficiaries. The benefits of the program are funded by employee contributions, state appropriations and investment income. The program is intended to provide financial security at retirement for Connecticut public school teachers, to replace lost income as a result of disability and to provide benefits to survivors of teachers who die while actively teaching. Members of the system are informed of their rights, benefits and responsibilities to claim benefits by receiving an annual statement of benefits accompanied by a letter from the Administrator, as well as by various publications on our website ([www.ct.gov/trb](http://www.ct.gov/trb)). In addition, individual counseling is available to assist members in the retirement planning process.

## **Public Service**

The agency is committed to providing each member with the necessary information to make intelligent and informed decisions regarding retirement, disability, survivor, and health benefits. Each non-retired member receives an Annual Statement of Benefits that provides a comprehensive record of their earnings history, credited service, and other details of their account. The agency publishes a variety of topical publications and brochures to assist in dealing with retirement issues. The agency continues to improve and expand its website [www.ct.gov/trb](http://www.ct.gov/trb) to provide better and timely access of information to members. The agency is open to the public daily to provide personal service, and agency staff present information at meetings of professional associations of active and retired members, and to representatives of local Boards of Education.

## **Improvements/Achievements 2015-2016**

The Teachers' Retirement Board provides services to nearly 100,000 members at an annual cost of less than \$20 per member which compares very favorably with other similar retirement plans.

	FYE
	06/30/2016
<b>AGENCY STAFF</b>	26
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
• Active	53,807
• Inactive	12,997
• Retired	36,256
• Disabled	286
• Deferred Vested	2,343
• Annuity Reserve	1,859
<b>BENEFITS INITIATED DURING THE YEAR</b>	
• Normal Retirement	976
• Disability Allowance	40
• Early Retirement	148
• Pro-ratable Retirement	163
• Deferred Retirement	53
• Total Retirements	1,380
• Average age at retirement	62.95
• Average length of service	25.19
• Average salary base	\$90,856
<b>AVERAGE ANNUALIZED BENEFIT INITIATED DURING THE YEAR</b>	
• All Retirements	\$50,360
➤ Normal Retirement	\$59,364
➤ Disability Allowance	\$24,705
➤ Early Retirement	\$45,709
➤ Pro-ratable Retirement	\$20,609
➤ Deferred Retirement	\$15,643

	FYE 06/30/16
<b>RETIREMENT FUND</b>	
RECEIPTS:	
• Members' Mandatory Contributions*	\$290,544,845
• Members' Personal Payments	\$48,233,521
• Returned Pensions**	\$846,855
• Early Retirement Incentive Payments	\$510,391
• Transfer to Health Fund ***	\$(49,909,366)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$289,841,638
EXPENDITURES:	
• Retirement Payments	\$1,842,941,671
• Refunds	\$46,125,368
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,889,067,039
FUND BALANCE 7/1 Market Value	\$16,110,440,675
• Investment Return	\$27,693,227
• State Contributions	\$975,578,000
• Plan Distribution	\$(1,598,000,000)
FUND BALANCE 6/30 Market Value	\$15,515,711,903
<b>HEALTH FUND</b>	
FUND BALANCE 7/1	\$95,361,399
RECEIPTS:	
• Active and Retired Teachers' Contributions	\$92,135,422
• Investment Return	\$220,172
• General Fund Income#	\$19,959,757
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$112,315,351
EXPENDITURES:	
• Health Fund Expenses	\$129,654,313
FUND BALANCE 6/30	\$78,022,437
	FYE 06/30/16

\*Includes Mandatory & Voluntary Contributions

\*\* Pension Recoupment

\*\*\* Active Member Revenue